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1. In 1954, 98 percent of the coal for the ~~Lausitz~~ ~~Lausitz~~ came from the Lausitz mining area. ~~10 percent~~, predominantly raw brown coal, from the middle-German area. ~~was~~ of poor quality and was accepted by the enterprises only ~~because of~~ the acute coal shortage. The coal was referred to as "Flammentod" (fire death). In late May 1955, according to the new distribution quotas for the NL Berlin, which were fixed during the third quarter of 1954, coal from ~~Germany~~ Germany and the Lausitz were to be delivered to the NL ~~at~~ ~~50 : 50~~ ~~ratio~~.

2. ~~the~~ the distribution of coal within the NL was normal ~~because during the~~ *Because during the* ~~the~~ large consumers of the BVW (Berliner Volkseigene ~~Wirtschaft~~ ~~Wirtschaft~~) *Wirtschaft* (Nationalized Apartment Administration) and the councils of the town districts (school homes and administration buildings) did not need much coal, the amount of coal stored increased considerably. The new coal distribution ~~plan for 1955 was to begin on 1 June 1955.~~

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1. In 1954, 90 percent of the coal for the Niederlassung (NL) Berlin came from the Lausitz mining area and 10 percent, predominantly raw brown coal, from the middle-German area. The latter coal was of poor quality and was accepted by the enterprises only because of the acute ~~energy~~ shortage. The coal was referred to as "Blumentod" (fire killer). In late May 1955, according to the new distribution quotas for the NL Berlin, which were fixed during the third quarter of 1955, coal from middle Germany and the Lausitz were to be delivered to the NL Berlin at a ratio of 50 : 50.
2. In late May, the distribution of coal within the NL was normal. Because, during the spring, the large consumers of the BVN (Berliner volkseigene Wohnungsverwaltung) (Berlin Nationalized Apartment Administration) and the councils of the town districts (school, homes and administration buildings) did not need much coal, the amount of coal stored increased considerably. The new coal distribution plan for 1956 was to begin on 1 June 1955.

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